

I believe IBOC is not going to be a usable fit for MW frequencies. The problem I perceive is that first it is not backwardsly compatible with current technology and will cause a tremendous amount of interference with analog and AM stereo signals. Secondly NRSC and NAB have recommended IBOC only be used for daytime service only. I am of the opinion that if IBOC digital is not capable of being online 24 hours a day then it is poorly engineered and not for use in broadcast service. If it is possible, I believe that MW should be left analog because of skywave interference which would render IBOC digital unusable at night. If we are to have digital, I would request that we drop IBOC on AM and FM bands and put digital on 220 MHz and on the same scheme as Eureka 147. It is my contention that IBOC as currently constituted would be an abject failure on the MW bands even greater than the magnitude of AM stereo.

Thank you for considering my comments.
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